



# Cokesbury United Methodist Church

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## **Our Mission**

*To be a transformed and transforming community in Christ.*

## **Our Vision**

Change lives, ours and others'.

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Through Cokesbury Window

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## **Room in the Inn in the Snow**

Another storm came. At first, I thought, "It might not be that bad. We might be able to stick it out and have worship service this Sunday." But as we neared the weekend, the weather forecast didn't slacken at all with expected sleet, snow, and ice. It was another tiring weekend of having to figure out whether to have the church closed Sunday or not. Finally, I had to make the decision to announce the church closing and I did it through three TV stations online – WBTV, WCNC, and WSOC.

One thing went on, though, despite or rather because of the bad weather: Room in the Inn. This winter, Cokesbury is serving the homeless in Charlotte by providing warm shelter on Saturday nights December through March, together with three other churches. Generally, Cokesbury takes care of the first Saturday night of the month, while the other churches take care of the other Saturdays.

This weekend's services for the homeless went well thanks to Sue Keene coordinating the program with the leaders from other churches; Hee-Soo driving for the homeless Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning; Kay and Dan fixing dinner; Bill and his son-in-law, Chris, staying overnight; Don and Tom fixing breakfast; a few people cleaning up; and Etta bringing and doing the laundry.

Thank you, everybody, including those of you who signed up to wash two blankets a night.

This winter, we are getting help from our Nepalese young adults. Joshua, a young elder of Charlotte Hosanna Nepali congregation (the one that worships at Cokesbury), volunteered to drive the van. So, he rode with Hee-Soo and Sue, learning the routes and routines. He even volunteered to use their own church van from now on, so that we don't have to borrow one from Myers Park UMC. Hee-Soo also told me that there were 2-3 Nepalese young people who showed up Sunday morning to help clean up. We are very thankful to them for their help.

It might be just a little part of covering an enormous need out there, but it is precious. May all the homeless in Charlotte find warm and safe places to stay overnight and stay well this winter.

*In-Yong*



– Deanna Reed gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of Marcus Ray Connell.

### **Make Your Voice Heard: WNC Delegation Listening Sessions**

The Western North Carolina Conference Delegation to the 2019 Called Session of the General Conference will be available at two sessions in early January for United Methodist clergy and laity to learn more about the upcoming conference and share their perspectives. You will have the opportunity to make your voice heard during directed table conversations and brief presentations. The sessions will be identical. Registration is required.

Saturday, January 5 at First UMC in Morganton from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 6 at First UMC in Salisbury from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Information and registration are available:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/make-your-voice-heard-delegation-listening-sessions-12483050>



**You're Invited...**

### **Community Christmas Eve Services**

**December 24**

- 2:00 p.m. – Las Posadas Service, Memorial United Methodist Church  
4012 Central Avenue, Charlotte 28205
- 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion, Third Presbyterian Church  
4019 Central Avenue, Charlotte 28205
- 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion, Amity Presbyterian Church  
2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte 28205
- 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service, Central United Methodist Church  
6030 Albemarle Road, Charlotte 28212
- 11:00 p.m. – A Service of Carols and Contemplation, Cokesbury United Methodist Church  
6701 Idlewild Road, Charlotte 28212



By Etta Woodall

Come join the campers of Urban Promise on **Monday, December 17 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** to assist in the gift wrapping. Each camper will be selecting two family gifts. Then on Tuesday, December 18, you are invited to the Christmas program at 5:30 p.m. Come join the Joy of Giving!



**Music at Cokesbury**  
**Enjoy the Queen City Ringers**  
**Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

By Kay Dumas

Having the Queen City Ringers entertain us has become a Christmas tradition at Music at Cokesbury. Come, invite your family, friends, and neighbors and enjoy the beautiful music. Donations will be accepted. Enjoy cookies, spiced cider, and coffee.



**SOUP LUNCH**  
**JANUARY 13**

By Kay Dumas

**WHAT IS BETTER THAN A HOT BOWL OF SOUP  
ON A COLD WINTER DAY?**

Our young adults and “soup chefs” Kay and Dan, invite you to enjoy a soup lunch to support Room in the Inn on **Sunday, January 13**, after church. The menu will include a variety of homemade soups, grilled cheese sandwiches, cornbread muffins, veggie tray, peach cobbler, bread pudding, and chocolate delight. Your donation should be marked “Room in the Inn”.